Provision of telephone connections in the villages of Bihar

†2505. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the State of Bihar having telephone facilities as on date, district-wise;

(b) the number of those villages where the said facility could not be provided so far; and

(c) the details of the necessary steps to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) In the State of Bihar, telephone facility has been provided in 38,475 inhabited, accessible and undisputed villages as per details in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) 6601 depopulated villages in Bihar has not been provided with telephone facility.

Statement

District wise details of villages having telephone facility in the state of Bihar

Sl. No.	Name of District	Number of villages provided with telephone facility
1	2	3
1.	Arania	703
2.	Arwal	409
3.	Aurangabad	1738
4.	Banka	1618
5.	Begusarai	687

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
6.	Bhabhua	1309
7.	Bhahalpur	898
8.	Bhojpur	993
9.	Buxer	813
10.	Chapra	1560
11.	Darbhanga	1063
12.	East Champaran	1275
13.	Gaya	2650
14.	Gopalganj	1377
15.	Jamui	1288
16.	Jahanabad	444
17.	Katihar	1224
18.	Khagaria	241
19.	Kishanganj	715
20.	Lakhisarai	373
21.	Madhepura	368
22.	Madhubani	1029
23.	Munger	504
24.	Muzaffarpur	1712
25.	Nalanda	999
26.	Nawada	958
27.	Patna	1284
28.	Purnia	1081
29.	Saharsa	438

1	2	3
30.	Samastipur	1104
31.	Sasaram	1698
32.	Sheikhpura	230
33.	Sheohar	189
34.	Sitamarhi	795
35.	Siwan	1432
36.	Supaul	517
37.	Vaishali	1402
38.	West Champaran	1357
	TOTAL:	38475

Jobs in IT Sector

2506. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of jobs in the IT Sector has been increased during the year 2004-05; and

(b) if so, the details of the Indian as well as the foreign companies providing jobs in the IT Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) As per NASSCOM, the total number of IT and ITES-BPO professional employed in India has grown to over 1 million in 2004-05, growing by over 150,000 in the last year alone.

(b) As Per NASSCOM studies, the number of Indian as well as foreign companies (including SMEs) providing jobs in IT Sector are nearly 4000.